



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### INFORMATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR OF FISHERIES

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Samuel J. Hutchinson, aquatic biologist of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has been appointed area coordinator of fisheries for Alaska, it was announced today by Coordinator of Fisheries Harold L. Ickes.

Mr. Hutchinson replaces Ralph A. Ferrandini, who resigned on June 30, 1945, to enter private employment. The Alaska area coordinator administers the Alaska Salmon Concentration Order which provides for the packing of salmon in a limited number of canneries throughout the territory. Mr. Hutchinson has been acting as area coordinator for Alaska since July 1, 1945.

Well acquainted with Alaska fishery problems, Mr. Hutchinson has been engaged in fishery investigations in Alaska for the Fish and Wildlife Service for several years and has been in charge of pink salmon investigations in South-eastern Alaska, basing his operations chiefly at the Fishery Biological Laboratory at Little Port Walter on Baranof Island.

During last year Mr. Hutchinson was detailed to serve as field supervisor in Alaska for the administration of the Halibut Allocation Order. Since the halibut fishery is prosecuted in Alaskan and offshore waters and a large proportion of the catch is landed in Alaskan ports, Mr. Hutchinson will cooperate with V. J. Samson, area coordinator for Washington and Oregon and administrator of the Halibut Order, in the administration of the halibut allocation program.

Headquarters for the Alaska office of the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries will be continued in Room 702 Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Washington.

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